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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 19, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced today that Cristobal Fernando Gonzalez was arraigned on a felony complaint charging him with Making Threatening Communications, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c).

According to documents filed in United States District Court, at approximately 10:55 p.m., on April 17, 2007, the San Diego State University (SDSU) Police Department received information about a threat posted on the website www.creepyconfessions.com. A review of the threat on the referenced website revealed the following information:

Apr 17, 07- Hungry for sheep... I'm sick and tired of this world. People are stupid and pathetic sheep. Jesus said you were all sheep. I am the wolf. I am hungry! With my colt I'll ride to school on thursday morning and save 50 of your pathetic souls.. like my brethen (sic) did yesterday! MOCK (sic) MY WORDS! You will know the sign for it will be written on the wall with blood! I am the son of man... I will have my vengence (sic). Warning to all SDSU students!

SDSU Police Department immediately notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation upon learning of the threat.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael P. Skerlos, who is prosecuting the case, Cristobal Fernando Gonzalez was interviewed by law enforcement agents and later arrested on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

United States Attorney Hewitt praised the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the San Diego State University Police Department for their immediate and coordinated effort to investigate this incident and achieve a swift arrest. According to U.S. Attorney Hewitt, "This threat was posted on the Internet the day after the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech and appeared to be directed at San Diego State University students. Threatening communications such as this one must be taken seriously by law enforcement because public safety is at stake. Those who make threatening communications on the Internet to injure others in this community will be prosecuted under federal law."

The next court appearance for Cristobal Fernando Gonzalez will be on May 3, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., before United States Magistrate Judge Barbara J. Major.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07MJ0848

Cristobal Fernando Gonzalez

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Making Threatening Communications

Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c)

Penalties: 5 years in custody; 3 years of supervised release, \$250,000 fine

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation

San Diego State University Police Department

A complaint itself is not evidence that the defendant committed the crime charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.